

Mon Exodus 20:1-17 God said it plain and simple: “You should not be doing idolatry, throwing dirt on My good name, disrespecting life, marriage, and your neighbor’s property, dissing his good name or coveting his possessions; also, respect My gifts of Sabbath and your parents.” Because those sinners didn’t recognize how bad they were, God spelled it out. Read it and weep!

Tues John 2:13-22 God wants respect for Himself and His house of worship—but Jesus found repulsive conditions in the Jerusalem Temple. The purpose of the Temple and the function of bloody sacrifices escaped them; they failed to see that the sacrifice of the perfect Lamb of God was implied. And Easter was a closed book until God opened it and read it out loud and clear (18-22).

Wed I Corinthians 1:22-25 It’s old-fashion to expect God to prove Himself by doing miracles, and new-fashion to expect God to conduct His business in a rational manner. So God surpasses both expectations: He demoted Himself, putting Himself so low that He endured the worst that humans can do to one another (Christ crucified)—which doesn’t look like a glorious miracle nor a reasonable thing for God to be doing. Praise God for having the last word!

Thurs Psalm 19 God’s Universe has the first word, declaring His existence and power (1-6). If you want to know more about God, pay attention to what He has put into print about Himself (7-10). And don’t ignore your errors, faults, sins, and transgressions (11-13), as you approach the throne of grace asking that your repentance be *acceptable in His sight*. Have mercy on us, O Lord, *our strength and our Redeemer*, for Jesus’ sake!

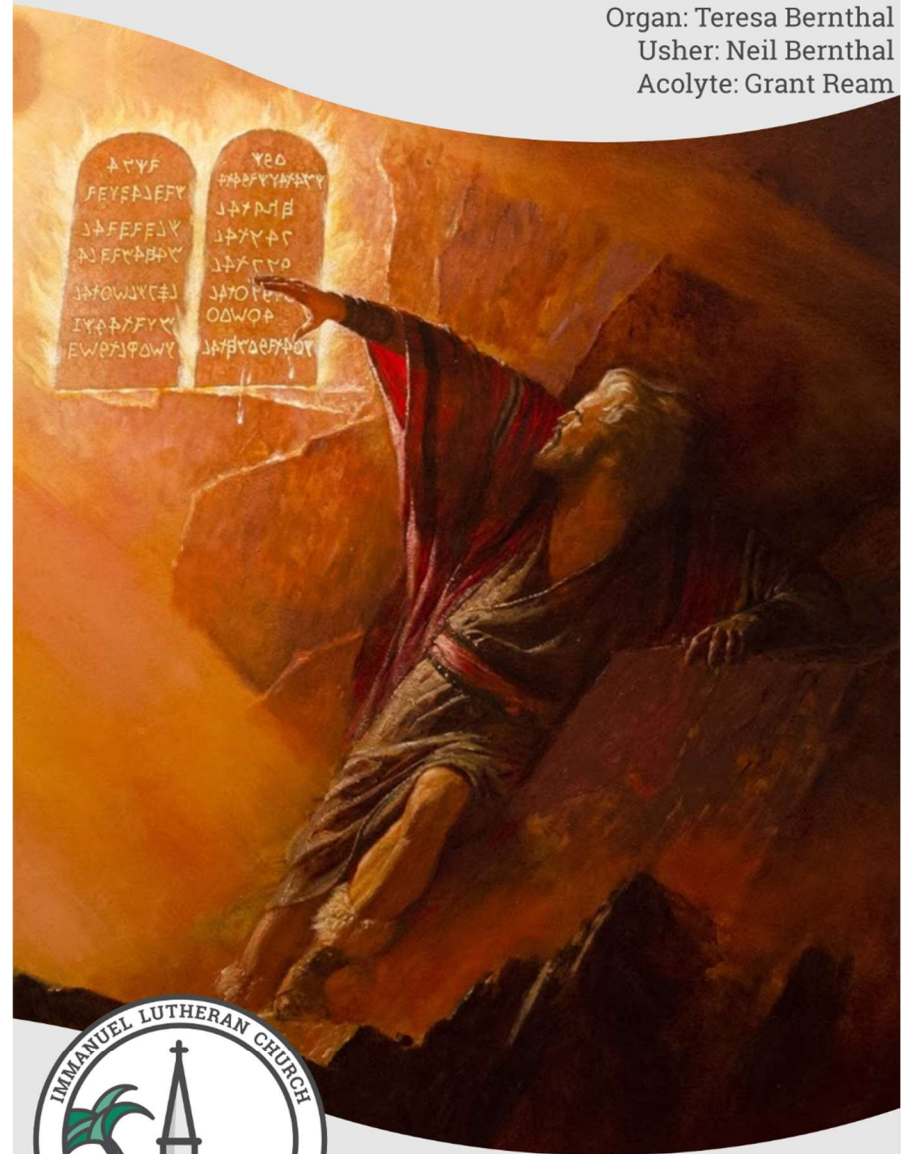
Fri Matthew 21:12-13 Evidently the entrepreneurs picked up the pieces and moved right back in—where Jesus found them again three years later. Since Jesus seldom raised His hand against anyone, we deduce that this situation really provoked Him. That’s why we are scrupulously careful to avoid using secular ventures to support our spiritual endeavors. Lord, have mercy!

Sat Acts 22:3-16 Paul justified his conduct in the Temple by a quick review of his devotion to Judaism; he was neither a drop-out from seminary (3) nor a wimp in putting his religion into practice by persecuting Christians (4-5). Then God stopped him in his tracks. God knocked him off his high horse, flattened him, blinded him, and forced him to face the ultimate question: “WHY are you persecuting ME? You have made yourself MY enemy, and I want to know why.” Well, since Paul had no defense, he surrendered. From then on, God led him by the hand, bringing him into the Kingdom and into Christian fellowship (10-16). The world has never been the same; praise the Lord!

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Third Sunday of Lent

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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 19:7-14

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹² Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. ¹³ Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

P Pastor

C Congregation

HYMN: TLH #4

"God Himself Is Present"

- 1. God Himself is present: Let us now adore Him And with awe appear before Him. God is in His temple-- All within keep silence, Prostrate lie with deepest reverence. Him alone God we own, Him, our God and Savior; Praise His name forever.**
- 2. God Himself is present: Hear the harps resounding; See the hosts the throne surrounding! "Holy, holy, holy"-- Hear the hymn ascending, Songs of saints and angels blending. Bow Thine ear To us here: Hear, O Christ, the praises That Thy Church now raises.**
- 3. O Thou Fount of blessing, Purify my spirit, Trusting only in Thy merit. Like the holy angels, Who behold Thy glory, May I ceaselessly adore Thee. Let Thy will Ever still Rule Thy Church terrestrial As the hosts celestial.**

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

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Shut-in/Encouragement List **Patti Meno** continues to receive regular dialysis and is awaiting a kidney transplant. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound. **Bill Hartmann's** health is deteriorating quickly. **Paulette Galstad** is suffering through bad back pain and other health problems. **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain, among other ailments. **Greg Tincher** is recovering from his recent surgeries at home and receiving frequent therapy. **JoAnne Weis** is regaining her strength at home and feeling much better. **Rudy Enriquez** is home from the hospital and awaiting the beginning of treatment for his throat cancer.

CLC Call News Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY and Redeemer, Bowdle/Zion, Ipswich, SD have put in a request/call for the Seminary graduate. <> **Matthew Kranz**, Immanuel, Mankato, MN has been **called** to be the second full-time teacher at **Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL**. <> **Nathan Wales**, West Columbia, SC. has returned the call by Grace, Sleepy Eye MN to serve as their principal and teacher and he has also returned the call by Messiah, Eau Claire, WI to teach in grades 5-6. <> Pastor David Schaller, Redeemer, Sister Lakes (Dowagiac), MI, has accepted the call to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI. <> Immanuel, Mankato, MN has called Eric Libby to the Assistant Principal/Counselor position and Kevin Schrader to the High School Math and Science position. <> Faith, Markesan, WI called Jessica Krueger to be upper grade teacher. She has since accepted the call.

Christ's Explorers Camp, Aug. 12-15, in TN: Holy Trinity of West Colombia, SC is excited to announce that we will be conducting Christ's Explorers Camp for students entering grades 3-9. The camp will be held in Pigeon Forge, TN, from August 12-15. The camp's theme this year will be "Fix your eyes on Christ." We have 6 (3 male, 3 female) junior counselor spots available for students entering grade 10 or higher. The applications will be due on Sunday, April 4. The camp will cost \$75, and this will include all lodging, meals, and activities. This camp will be limited to the first 50 campers, so be ready to register when registration opens on May 1. Please feel free to contact Sara Kloke at runsforfun@aol.com or Karen Howell kdhowell32@gmail.com for more information.

E-Giving is available for those who wish to use it. If you have PayPal, you can send your offering to "immanuelwinterhaven@gmail.com," or you can go to our church website and click the "PayPal" button at the bottom of the page for a direct link. If you send an offering this way, please select "Friends and Family."

Last Week: WH – 47	Orlando – 11	Total Offering = \$2,042
General = \$1,017 Tuition = \$1,025		
Cleaner (3/13): Rodebaugh Acolyte (3/14): Seth Bernthal		

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✠ Announcements ✠

Lent Continues this Wednesday evening as we consider our Lenten Theme "Singing with the Exiles." Gathered by the waters of Babylon, Judean exiles wondered: "Is God for real? If so, does He really care about us? What does our future hold? Will this ever change?" God's people had watched their world shatter into a million pieces. They were demoralized and disillusioned. Their disaster looked terminal.

Do you feel this way? Does it look as though your current problems are more than you can bear? Do you find yourself asking: "Why did this happen? Why did God allow it? Is there any order in the world? Will God really deliver on what He said?"



Isaiah answers these questions in chapters 40–55 of his book. He announces that just when Israel's history seemed closed and controlled by hopeless Babylonian imperial policy, to the shock and surprise of everyone the Lord will stir up a king named Cyrus and a new exodus will explode in the desert! A Servant will be wounded for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities. And barren Zion will be given so many children that, like the old woman in the shoe, she won't know what to do! Standing behind these marvelous promises is God's almighty Word. "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever" (Isaiah 40:8). The exiles are going home! That's why we are "Singing with the Exiles" as they are restored to their home.

Our Sermon schedule this Lent is as follows:

Ash Wednesday: "God Has a Word for That" (Isaiah 41:14–16)

Lent 1: "He Only Has Eyes for You" (Isaiah 43:1–7)

Lent 2: "Marked" (Isaiah 44:1–5)

Lent 3: "Breaking Down the Gates" (Isaiah 45:1–8)

Lent 4: "Get Out!" (Isaiah 48:17–22)

Lent 5: "One Little Word Can Fell Him" (Isaiah 49:1–6)

Good Friday: "All" (Isaiah 52:13–53:12)

Easter Sunday: "We Are Going Home" (Isaiah 55:6–13)

Please plan to join us this Wednesday as we continue Singing with the Exiles as we journey with the Savior to the cross and the empty tomb. God promises to turn our weeping into joy and our present pain into an endless Alleluia!

- ✠ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- ☩ **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- ✠ Let us pray.
- ☩ **Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**
- ✠ Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.
- ☩ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

INTROIT

Ps. 69:9, 14-16

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- ✠ For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.
- ☩ **Deliver me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.**
- ✠ Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the pit close its mouth over me.
- ☩ **Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.**
- ✠ For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- ✠ Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☩ **Amen.**

EPISTLE READING – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

GOSPEL READING – John 2:13-22 The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.



P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

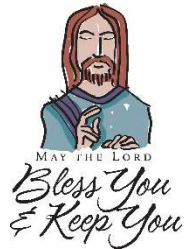
C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
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 tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
 bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

THE BENEDICTION:

Numbers 6:24-26

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C Amen!



HYMN: TLH #53

"Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

1. Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Thy grace
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
2. Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Thy Word
And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.
3. Abide with heavenly brightness Among us, precious Light;
Thy truth direct and keep us From error's gloomy night.
4. Abide with richest blessings Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom Grow daily through Thy Word.
5. Abide with Thy protection Among us, Lord, our Strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.
6. Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Thy love;
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.

Please Note: The Lord's Supper is described in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good. That is one reason we ask our visitors...please speak to the pastor before you commune with us. Thank you!

THE DISTRIBUTION

Please remain seated.

P Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

May this body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting.

Depart in peace. Amen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: TLH #2 "To Thy Temple I Repair"

1. To Thy temple I repair; Lord, I love to worship there
When within the veil I meet Christ before the mercy-seat.
2. I through Him am reconciled, I through Him become Thy child.
Abba, Father, give me grace In Thy courts to seek Thy face.
5. While I hearken to Thy Law, Fill my soul with humble awe
Till Thy Gospel bring to me Life and immortality.
7. From Thy house when I return, May my heart within me burn
And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."

SERMON – Exodus 20:1-17 And God spoke all these words, saying, ² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³ "You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷ "You shall not take the name of the

LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. ⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹² "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³ "You shall not murder. ¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ "You shall not steal. ¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

The Ten Commandments: Consider the Source

- I. They are given by the Holy God
- II. They are given by the Savior God

OFFERTORY

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In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

☩ ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

HYMN: TLH #295:1,3,5,6 "The Law of God is Good and Wise"

1. The Law of God is good and wise And sets His will before our eyes, Shows us the way of righteousness, And dooms to death when we transgress.
3. To those who help in Christ have found And would in works of love abound It shows what deeds are His delight And should be done as good and right.
5. The Law is good; but since the Fall Its holiness condemns us all; It dooms us for our sin to die And has no power to justify.
6. To Jesus we for refuge flee, Who from the curse has set us free, And humbly worship at His throne, Saved by His grace through faith alone.

✠ PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER ✠

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ And also with you.

☐ Lift up your hearts!

☑ We lift them up to the Lord!

☐ It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God: for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

☑ ♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabbaoth, adored; Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

☐ Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." And the peace of the Lord will be with you always!

O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
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The Order of Holy Communion

